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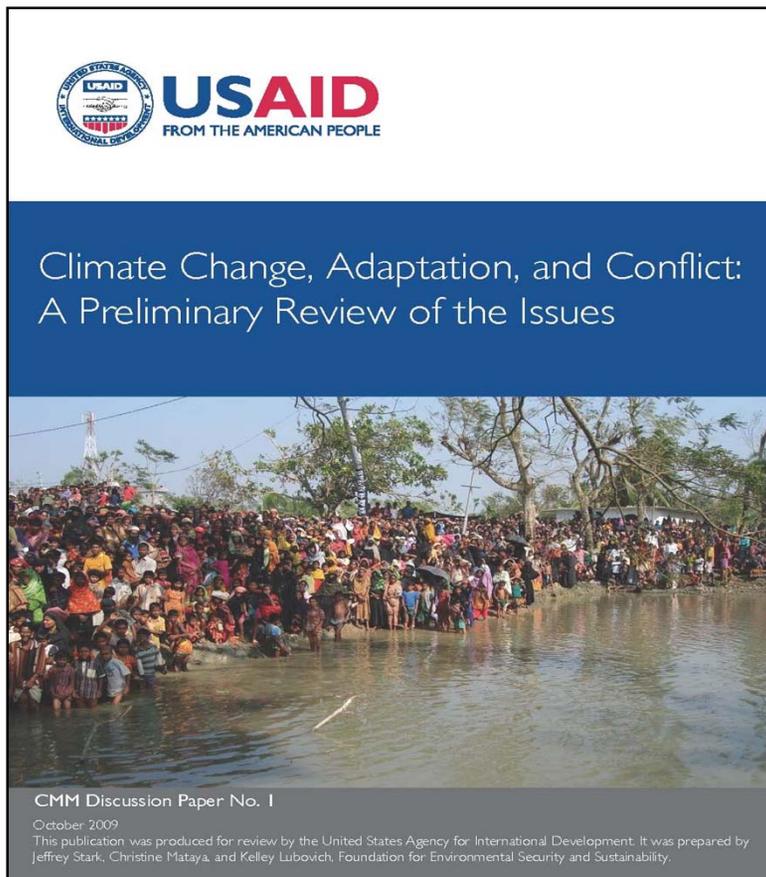
CMM Overview

- Office of Conflict Management and Mitigation (CMM) was established in April 2002
- **Mission statement:**
CMM leads USAID's efforts to identify and analyze sources of conflict; supports early responses to address the causes and consequences of instability, violent conflict and extremism; and seeks to integrate conflict mitigation and management into USAID's analysis, strategies and programs.



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“Climate Change is best thought of as an exacerbating factor”.

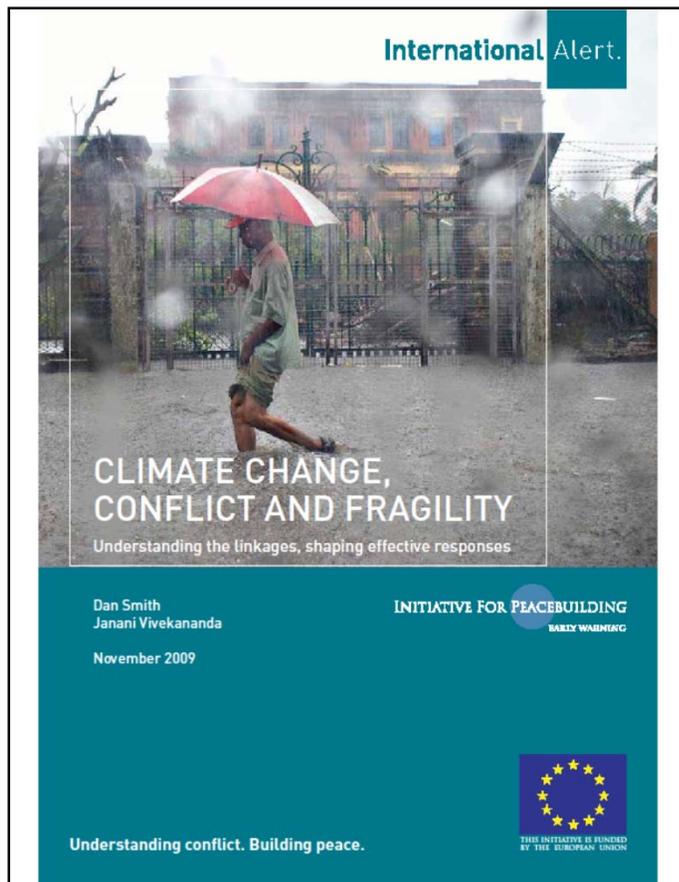
Conflict Scenarios:

- Climate change could intensify environmental or resource problems (whether due to scarcity or abundance)
- Climate change could create new environmental problems that lead to instability
- *Climate-related resources and financing could contribute to instability*



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Key Recommendations

- Adaptation to climate change needs to be conflict sensitive
- Peacebuilding needs to be climate proof
- Low-carbon shifts must be supportive of development and peace
- Strengthen social capacity to understand and manage climate and conflict risks
- Recognize and support local adaptation mechanisms

❖ Sources: International Alert and Saferworld



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USAID Approach

- **Analysis**
 - FESS Discussion paper on *Climate Change, Adaptation and Conflict* (2009)
 - 3 field-based case studies (2010-2011): Uganda, Ethiopia, TBD
 - Instability and Conflict Risk Country Rankings (2010 USAID *Alert Lists*)
- **Programming**
 - International Alert – Niger Basin Project
 - USAID Climate Change Adaptation Guidance
 - Case study follow-up
- **Policy/Advocacy**
 - Integration: USAID GCC strategies, frameworks and tools
 - Collaboration within the USG (3Ds)
 - Wilson Center partnership



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Lessons Learned

Keys to Success:

- Seize the opportunities
- Follow emerging trends/Stay ahead of the curve
- Think cross-sectorally
- The “how” is as important as the “what”
- Partnership is paramount

Barriers to Success:

- Competing priorities
- Limited resources (human and financial)
- A tendency toward reaction rather than prevention
- Tradition of sectorally focused bilateral programming
- The challenge of measuring impact



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Where we need help

- Mapping
- Sub-regional and local level data collection and analysis (*real world experiences*)
- Integration with key initiatives (climate change, food security, global health & water)
- Transboundary analysis and programming
- Cross-sectoral analytical tools and program designs (AND lessons learned from the field)
- Participation of peacebuilding community in development of conflict sensitive climate change policies, programs and financing mechanisms



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Resources for More Information

U.S. Agency for International Development
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CMM's Website:

http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/cross-cutting_programs/conflict/

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